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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the fourth paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 -- ~~Fig. 5 is~~ Figs. 5a and 5b depict a purse embodiment of the present invention utilizing a perforated upper clamp as an ornamental member.--

Please replace the second paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 Holding element 14 is configured for receipt of chemiluminescent element 20. Stick shape 22 of chemiluminescent element 20 is depicted in this embodiment. However, holding element 14 may comprise different shapes for receipt of chemiluminescent element 20 in alternate embodiments, e.g. sphere-shaped, disc-shaped, or other polygonal shapes, etc. Holding element 14 preferably comprises either spaces 24 between twists 26 or coils 28 of the material comprising holding element 14, or cutouts 30 leaving apertures 32 within the material allowing direct observation of chemiluminescent element 20. Additionally, holding element 14 of all embodiments may additionally comprise closing mechanism 40. Closing mechanism 40 may utilize any simple mechanical device known in the art capable of safely containing chemiluminescent element 20 within holding element 14 while the jewelry item is being worn. For example, when holding element 14 is configured for receipt of stick configuration 22 of chemiluminescent element 20, the bottom of holding element 14 may be narrowed to serve as closing mechanism 40, preventing chemiluminescent element 20 from sliding through and falling out of holding element 14. Other embodiments may include other closing mechanisms 40, including but not limited to beads or balls disposed within base 44 of holding element 14 or cover 46 disposed over end 48 of base 44.

Please replace the third paragraph beginning at page 9, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Holding element 14 of the preferred embodiment comprises a tubular upper purse frame 66. A cylindrical frame utilizing a circular opening is depicted, however various shaped cylinders are envisioned (e.g., triangular, rectangular, elliptical, and polygonal). Purse frame 66 further comprises cutouts 30 leaving apertures 32 within the material allowing direct observation of chemiluminescent element 20. Purse 64 further comprises functional elements 18 including a clasp disposed within purse frame 66 and the purse body 68 attached to a lower surface of purse frame 66. Further embodiments would include use of other decorative or functional frame locations of purses or other accessories (e.g., backpacks, satchels, scarf, shoe clips, umbrella handles, and the like).